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| PETER R. JEPSON ET AL |) | GROUP NO.: 1742 |
| SERIAL NUMBER: 10/079,286 |) | |
| FILED: FEBRUARY 20, 2002 |) | EXAMINER: ANDREW OLTMANS |
| TITLE: REFRACTORY METAL PLATES WITH UNIFORM TEXTURE |) | RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 20040306 |

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for consideration. A separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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